

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 7, 2003 -2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Christiansen, Dean, Eberhart, Harrison, Kee, Mehta, Ross, Santi, Thiry, Voorhees, and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Mitcham (on sabbatical until 5/04)

VISITORS: Nigel Middleton – Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA); James Ely – Chemical Engineering Department Head; Graham Davis and Robert Siegrist – observers; Ryan Helmer – President CSM Graduate Student Association

Voorhees called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. VPAA Nigel Middleton

- 1 The next CSM Board of Trustees meeting will be October 17, 2003 in one of the ballrooms of the Ben Parker Student Center. The business meeting will begin at 8:30am and a complete presentation of the proposed strategic plan will begin at 9:00am. The strategic plan is on the agenda as an “information” item not an “action” item. Presenters will include Eva Klein of Eva Klein and Associates; CSM President John Trefny; VPAA Nigel Middleton; Vice President for Finance and Operations, Robert Moore; and Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, Harold Chevront.
- 2 The suggested-alternative financial model was presented and discussed. The Senators would like to see a financial model that indicates 1) the possible amount of revenue generated from research as the number of faculty conducting research increases; 2) how much research revenue would an individual faculty member have to generate to balance the financial model; and 3) the difference in what various CSM units are currently producing and what they could realistically generate in research revenue to make the model revenue neutral.

B. Jim Ely reviewed the comments of the department heads/division directors regarding the strategic plan.

ELECTIONS:

A. Senate President – A **motion** made by Dean and seconded by Wolden to suspend the following sections of the Faculty By-Laws:

Article 2.C.1 (“The President of the Senate shall be a Senior Senator, with at least one year of service on the Senate, be elected by the Academic Faculty, and may serve no more than thirty two consecutive months as President. and

Article 2.E.5 (For the election of the President of the Senate, the Committee on Committees will distribute ballots to all Academic Faculty listing all those eligible who have agreed to be candidates. The ballots will be distributed on or before the third Monday in April for return on or before the last Wednesday in April. The person receiving the most votes selected; in the event of a tie, a re-election among the tied candidates will be held immediately. Election results will be reported at the May faculty

meeting.)

passed by a vote of 9 in favor and 2 abstentions. Dean moved and Wolden seconded a **motion** to accept the nomination of Harrison for Faculty Senate President. Motion passed with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

Thiry moved and Ross seconded a **motion** to send a paper ballot with the Senate's nomination for president on it and a place for a write-in candidate to all eligible CSM academic faculty. Motion passed with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

- B. Senate Secretary – The Senators elected Christiansen as Faculty Senate Secretary for the remainder of the 2003-04 academic year.
- C. Senior Senator – According to the Faculty By-Laws, a recommendation needs to come from the Senate Executive Committee which does not exist until the Senate has a president. Therefore, this item will be addressed at the October 21, 2003 Senate meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2, 2003 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

The minutes of the September 16, 2003 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved as amended. The minutes of the September 23, 2003 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Harrison asked for volunteers to cover the Board of Trustees meeting on October 17, 2003 as she has class and will not be able to attend. The Senators will check their schedules and e-mail Harrison if they can attend.
- B. Harrison will write a letter of appreciation to Dennis Readey thanking him for his outstanding service to the Senate.
- C. There will be a Senate meeting on October 14th to refine the Senate's position on the Strategic Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Common Hour Exam Time (Harrison) – Based on discussions that began in March 2002 with the department heads/division directors and the Undergraduate Council, the Senate has approved a letter be sent to VPAA Nigel Middleton requesting that the Registrar implement the common hour exam time to begin at 7:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm.
- B. Sports and Athletics (Ross) – This committee has requested that the Senate review the questionnaire used in the exit interview with athletes who have completed their eligibility to make sure that the questions are appropriate. Those interviewed include students who compete in intramurals, club sports, and intercollegiate athletics. The Senate will act on this issue at their October 21, 2003 meeting. Ross requested that any concerns be e-mailed to him before that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Interdisciplinary PhD Programs (Kee) – After much discussion, The Senators asked Kee to

invite Graham Davis to make a presentation at the November 4, 2003 Senate meeting on this topic. Harrison will invite Associate Vice President for Research, Romig, to participate in the same Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.